



# Ellenor C. Lawrence Park

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Fairfax County Park Authority  
Resource Management  
Division

## Programs & Activities for September-November 2011



### Fall Highlights: Scout Programs

This fall Ellenor C. Lawrence will be offering three new merit badge programs for Boy Scouts. Fishing, Photography, and Mammal Study have been added to the popular Reptile and Amphibian program.

Webelo Forester, Naturalist and Brownie programs are also scheduled.

Is your scout a Bear or a Tiger? A Junior Girl Scout? Is your group using the new Girl Scout Journeys program? Not able to make our scheduled program?

We are happy to set up a special program just for your group (\$60 minimum fee).

Call us at 703-631-0013.

#### Fall Scouting Programs

**Brownies Water Everywhere Try-It**  
Saturdays, October 8, 10-11am, \$4  
**Meets at the Pond.**

**Webelos Naturalist**  
Saturday, September 24, 10-11am, \$4

**Webelos Forester**  
Saturday, October 15, 10-11am, \$4

**Reptile & Amphibian Merit Badge**  
Saturday, October 29, 9-11am, \$12

**Photography Merit Badge (2 parts)**  
Saturday, November 19, 9-11am  
and Saturday, December 10, 9-11 am

**Mammal Study Merit Badge**  
Saturday, December 3, 9am-noon, \$18

Advance payment necessary.  
Minimum registration required for  
program to proceed.



### NEW! CAMPFIRE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

#### COYOTE OR BAT CAMPFIRE FOR OLDER KIDS

An evening adventure for children ages 9 to 12 years old. Join a naturalist around the campfire to learn facts about coyotes or bats; hear bat or coyote calls, take a hike, and enjoy coyote or bat stories. Then cook and eat your own

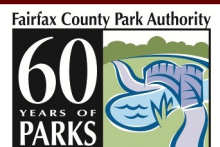
Coyote Dogs or Bat-furters at the fire.

\$200 for a 3-hour party for up to 12 children.

**Call 703-631-0013 to book your party!**



**Visitor Center Hours**  
9m-5pm Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday  
12 noon-5pm Saturday & Sunday  
Closed Tuesday



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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



**Kids' Korner** (3-5 yrs.) Preschool children explore nature or history once a month, accompanied by an adult. An outdoor activity and craft included. Our theme for the fall is Harvest Time. Apples & Pumpkins in September, Crows in October, and Wild Turkeys in November are all a part of nature's autumn harvest.

## September- Harvest Time: Apples & Pumpkins

M	9:30-10:30am	9/12	274 484 6311	\$5
W	1-2pm	9/14	274 484 6312	\$5
Th	1-2pm	9/15	274 484 6313	\$5
W	9:30-10:30am	9/21	274 484 6314	\$5
Th	1-2pm	9/22	274 484 6315	\$5
F	9:30-10:30am	9/23	274 484 6316	\$5

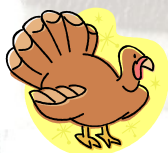


## October- Harvest Time: Crows

M	9:30-10:30am	10/10	Call 631-0013	\$5
W	1-2pm	10/12	274 484 6306	\$5
Th	1-2pm	10/13	274 484 6307	\$5
W	9:30-10:30am	10/19	274 484 6308	\$5
Th	1-2pm	10/20	274 484 6309	\$5
F	9:30-10:30am	10/21	274 484 6310	\$5

## November- Harvest Time: Wild Turkeys

M	9:30-10:30am	11/14	274 484 6301	\$5
W	1-2pm	11/16	274 484 6302	\$5
Th	1-2pm	11/17	274 484 6303	\$5
W	9:30-10:30am	11/23	274 484 6304	\$5
Th	1-2pm	11/24	Call 631-0013	\$5
F	9:30-10:30am	11/25	Call 631-0013	\$5



**Nature Snoopers**      274      3-4pm      \$5

(5-6 yrs.) Outdoor exploration, hands-on activities, historic items and crafts make this Kindergarten level series fun and educational. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meets the third Monday of the month. Our theme for the fall is Harvest Time. We'll be learning how Apples & Pumpkins in September, Crows in October, and Wild Turkeys in November are part of nature's autumn harvest. September 19: Apples & Pumpkins; October 17: Crows; November 21: Wild Turkeys.

**Jr. Naturalists**      274      3-4pm      \$5

(7-11 yrs.) Elementary-age children explore the park's meadows and forests, view wildlife, participate in historical activities and make crafts. Meets the fourth Monday of the month (except Dec). Our theme for the fall is Harvest Time. We'll be learning how Apples & Pumpkins in September, Crows in October, and Wild Turkeys in November are part of nature's autumn harvest. September 26: Apples & Pumpkins, October 24: Crows; November 28: Wild Turkeys.

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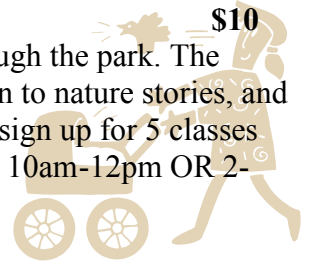


## Fall Stroller Adventures

**Saturdays or Mondays, 10am-12pm, 2-4pm**

(6 months – 24 months) Join a naturalist and her little one on a stroller adventure through the park. The adventure includes circle time and a stroller hike. Little ones explore, sing songs, listen to nature stories, and wiggle and giggle! All terrain jogging stroller or baby carrier needed. \$10 a family or sign up for 5 classes for just \$40. Class sizes are limited, register soon! Classes meet on Saturdays at either 10am-12pm OR 2-4pm and on Mondays 2-4pm, from Saturday September 10 to Monday November 28.

To register, call 703-631-0013.



## SEPTEMBER



### 10 Saturday Large Mouth Bass



274 487 0301 9-10:30am \$6  
(4 yrs & up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Fish with a naturalist and find out about native fish and their habits. Bring fishing pole and bait. Meets at Walney Pond.

### 11 Sunday Walney Time Travels: Machen Farm 274 289 0001



2-3pm \$5 (4 & up)  
Please register an accompanying adult with children. Stroll the grounds of Walney with a costumed interpreter & learn about the features of this farm and the extraordinary Machen family. After your tour, enjoy a glass of fresh lemonade or warm cider as suited to the

weather.

### 14 Wednesday Creek Walk

274 487 0401 7-8pm \$5  
(8 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Explore Big Rocky Run Stream at night! Hike to locate and identify local nocturnal critters. Bring flashlights; wear hiking shoes. Meets at Cabell's Mill.

### 17 Saturday Fall Wildflowers and Ferns

274 484 6201 9:30-11am \$6  
(12 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Stroll with a Virginia Native Plant Society member to view splendid fall wildflowers along the stream and meadow. Meets at Cabell's Mill.



### 18 Sunday Snapping Turtle Search

274 487 0601 10-11am \$5  
(6 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Snapping turtles are Virginia's largest fresh water turtle. Visit the pond and search for this large, often misunderstood, reptile. Meets at Walney Pond.



### 24 Saturday Night Hike Campfire

274 487 1001 7-8:30pm \$6  
(6 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. At day's end, take a hike to look and listen for park wildlife. While sitting around the campfire visit with our resident barred owl and enjoy s'mores. Bring a flashlight and blanket to sit on. Meets at Cabell's Mill.



# OCTOBER



## 1 Saturday

### Critter Crawl

274 487 1101 7-8:30 am \$6  
(8 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Get up with the sun to search for early morning wildlife. Meet some exhibit animals and enjoy refreshments.



## 1 Saturday

### Nature Photography: Reptiles & Amphibians

274 487 0901 10-11am \$5  
(8 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Join an avid photographer and naturalist on a walk to photograph reptiles and amphibians. Learn tips including camera angles. Bring a digital camera; wear hiking shoes.

## 2 Sunday

### Walney

### Time

### Travels:

### Dutch

**Oven Cooking** 274 484 6501  
2-4pm \$10 4 yrs & up)  
Meets at Cabell's Mill. Please register an accompanying adult with children. Interpreters in period attire demonstrate cooking stew and cobbler using a Dutch oven. Bring your appetite and learn about the people who once lived here. Reservation and advanced payment due by 9/27.



## 12 Wednesday

### Batty Campfire

274 487 1201 7-8 pm \$5  
(4 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Enjoy a night hike to learn about native bats and their habitats. Use a bat detector to hear bats communicate and locate food. Settle by the campfire, sip hot chocolate and roast marshmallows. Meets at Cabell's Mill.

## 21 Friday

### Pumpkins by the Campfire

274 487 1301

6:30-7:30pm \$5 (4yrs & up)  
Please register an accompanying adult with children. Join in games and activities about pumpkins by our patch. Bring a small pumpkin to decorate. Enjoy roasted marshmallows and other treats.



## 21 Friday

### Birding on the Bay

274 487 0101 7am-5pm \$40  
(Adults) Visit Delaware Bay to view waterfowl, shorebirds and eagles. Stops may include Bombay Hook Wildlife Refuge, Woodland Beach, Little Creek Wildlife area and Mispillion Harbor Reserve. Bring binoculars and a bag lunch to eat on the way. Dress for the weather. Depart from Packard Center, Annandale District Park. Reservations and advanced payment required by 10/14.

## 23 Sunday

### Lizard Search and Survey

274 487 1401 10-11am \$5  
(10 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Assist a naturalist with a reptile survey in the field. Search habitats deep in the woods, streams and pond. Watch a short film about a local lizard, the five-lined skink.



## 22 Saturday

### Centreville Day

No registration required.

10 am – 5 pm FREE

(All ages) Centreville Day takes place in Historic Centreville Park near the intersection of Braddock & Mt Gilead Roads. Park

Authority staff and volunteers will be interpreting a 1934 Sears Kit House, Mount Gilead (circa 1785), Civil War-era fortifications, and tannery site (1800s). Historic re-enactors and tours, ghost tour and Halloween treats, live entertainment, food court, marketplace, and children's activities. A portion of the proceeds will go to the park.



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**28 Friday**

## Halloween Haunting

274 487 1501 6-7:30 pm \$6  
(8 yrs & up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Get tricked or treated on a haunted night walk. Roast marshmallows and hear ghost stories of the park. Bing a pumpkin to carve, and dress in costume if you choose.

**29 Saturday**

## Live Owl Campfire

274 487 1601 6:30-8 pm \$6  
(4 yrs & up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Meet Lucinda, our live barred owl. Separate myth, lore and facts about local owls. Enjoy s'mores. Meets at Cabell's Mill.



If ADA Accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563 at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event.  
TTY 703-803-3354.

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Ask us about the Walney ghost cat!



# NOVEMBER



## 5 Saturday Walney Time Travels: Civil War at Walney

No registration required. FREE  
10am-3:30 pm (All ages) Join the Virginia 42<sup>nd</sup>

Infantry for a day of Civil War history brought to life and learn about the experiences of the Machen family during the war.

**9 Wednesday**

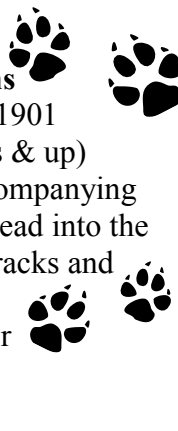
## Coyotes Call Campfire

274 487 1801 7-8pm \$5  
(8 yrs & up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Come howl with the largest predator in the forest. Listen to coyote calls, take a short hike, and learn about this awesome canine resident. Toast marshmallows.



## 12 Saturday Finding Animal Signs and Tracks

274 487 1901  
9-10:30am \$6 (8 yrs & up)  
Please register an accompanying adult with children. Head into the woods and learn the tracks and traces of white-tailed deer, turkeys and other animals.



**18 Friday**

## Blackwater Birds

274 487 0201 7am-5pm \$40  
(Adults) Travel to Blackwater Wildlife Refuge on the Delmarva Peninsula. View endangered fox squirrels, waterfowl, hawks and eagles. Bring binoculars and a bag lunch. Dress for the weather. Depart from Packard Center, Annandale District Park. Reservations and advanced payment required by 11/11.

**20 Sunday**

## Turkey Walk

274 487 2001 9-10am \$5  
(4 yrs. and up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Discover the wild turkey's habits and secret ways during a walk in the cedar forest. Look for wild turkeys and their signs.

**20 Sunday**

## Stay or Go Campfire

274 487 1701 2-3:30pm \$6  
(4 yrs & up) Please register an accompanying adult with children. Meet a live hawk and owl as we explore different strategies for surviving winter. Enjoy s'mores. Meets at Cabell's Mill.

